

REMARKS

Claims 31-65 remain in the application and claims 31, 35, 38, 39, 41, 44, 48, 51, 52, 54, 57, 59, 61, 62, and 64 have been amended hereby. Claims 1-30 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant hereby affirms the election to prosecute the invention of group III, claims 31-65.

Claims 62 and 64 have been amended in part to remove the redundant limitation pointed to in the Office Action at paragraph 5. Withdrawal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 31-37, 44-50, and 57-60 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Adatia et al.

A feature of the playback apparatus and method according to the present invention is the switching between the arrangements of the displays of first and second play lists showing contents in response to a switching of a playback of the contents. See Fig. 9, steps SP8-9, and page 30, line 8 to page 34, line 22 of the present application, for example.

Independent claims 31, 44, 48, 57, and 59 have been amended to recite the above-noted feature of the present invention.

Another feature of the present invention is the display of the currently played back song and the song that will be subsequently played back, as recited in amended independent claim 35.

An advantage of this feature of the present invention is

that a user is notified of the subsequently played back song even when in shuffle mode.

Looking at Adiata et al. we see that there is no switching of displayed first and second play lists in response to a switching of a playback of the contents. Adiata et al. is merely teaching, in the cited paragraphs 0054 and 0055, the use of a playlist editor for enabling a user to sort, shuffle, reverse, clear, add, remove, and save contents.

Further, looking at Adiata et al. we see that it displays the currently played song only and not the currently played song and the subsequently played song as in the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 31, 35, 44, 48, 57, and 59, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Adiata et al.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 38-43, 51-56, and 61-65 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Katinsky et al.

A feature of the playback apparatus and method according to the present invention is the switching between the arrangements of the displays of first and second play lists showing contents in response to a switching of a playback of the contents. See Fig. 9, steps SP8-9, and page 30, line 8 to page 34, line 22 of the present application, for example.

Independent claims 38, 51, and 61 have been amended to recite the above-noted feature of the present invention.

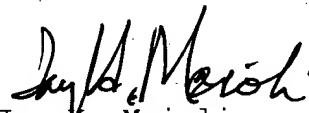
Looking at Katursky et al. we see that there is no switching of displayed first and second play lists in response to a

switching of playback of the contents. Katinsky et al. is merely teaching the use of a "play all" or "play many" features for enabling a user to play every play list or a selected group of play lists. See col. 5, lines 35-54 of Katinsky et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 38, 51, and 61, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Katinsky et al.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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